

A newsletter for the

SHADY SHORES BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY

APRIL 2023

Monthly REST

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*Easter
Service
April 9*



SERMON SERIES

~ Lessons from the triumphal entry ~

The Lord blesses us so we can bless others.

Do you take Jesus' hand as He offers it, or do you watch Him walk away?

- Jesus is truth.
- Truth is unstoppable.
- Jesus is unstoppable.
- Jesus is unstoppable in you!

Remember: You have infinite value and immeasurable worth because you are God's creation!

Please join us! Note: no perfect people allowed.

THE CHICKEN OR THE EGG?

The familiar causality dilemma may come to mind when thinking about Christmas and Easter: which is preeminent? In the U.S., Christmas is exponentially more prominent than Easter; however within the church, while both Easter and Christmas Day are solemnities, the highest rank of a feast on the church's calendar is Easter. Consider our weekly worship - every Sunday of the year is a "little Easter." Each Sunday celebrates the Resurrection, the day of new creation. We rejoice each Sunday, because He is risen!

"He is not here; He has risen, just as He said."

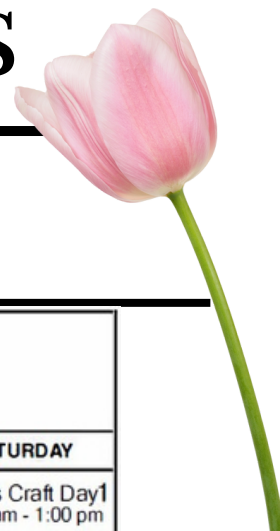
~ Matthew 28:6



*"This is the way,
walk in it."*

~ Isaiah 30:21

Calendar & Events



The events on this calendar also are listed on the church's webpage.
Please check the webpage often - a new opportunity might be posted!

APRIL 2023						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						Ladies Craft Day1 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Men's Breakfast 10:00 am
 3	3	4 Prayer Group 10:00 am	5	6	 8	8 Mission Team 10:00 am
 10	10	11 Prayer Group 10:00 am	12	13	14 Spring Fling @ Stephens Elem. School	15
16 Choir Practice 2:30 pm Last day to register for Bill Glass event (May 6 -Bonham TX)	17	18 Prayer Group 10:00 am	19	20	21	22
23 Choir Practice 2:30 pm	24	25 Prayer Group 10:00 am	26	27	28	29
30 Choir Practice 2:30 pm						Bill Glass Prison Ministry - Bonham, TX

Holidays and Observances: 9: Easter Sunday, 10: Easter Monday, 18: Tax Day


www.vlcalendar.com

Sunday School - Every Sunday at 9:30 am

- * 60 to Heaven Class - John, the final days of Jesus
- * Barnabas Class - Ephesians
- * Men's Group - Romans
- * Youth Class - Luke
- * Zoom - Monday evenings at 7:30 pm <https://tinyurl.com/barnabaszoom>

Upcoming Special Events

- * **Easter** Sunday, April 9.
- * Olive Stephens Elementary School Spring Fling. Friday, April 14. Contact Emily Nielsen.
- * Bill Glass Prison Ministry registration deadline April 16. Event: May 6, Bonham, TX.
Contact Carlos Morales.
- * VBS June 5 - 8, 6:30pm start. Contact Coulter Baxter.

-  SSBC special events
-  SSBC outreach events

Mission Opportunities



SSBC had the pleasure of serving lunch to the staff at Betty Meyers Middle School.

There was plenty of delicious food for lunch and to offer leftovers for staff members to take home.



STEPHENS
ELEMENTARY

Olive Stephens staff were treated to fried chicken with all the sides!



Thank you to all who prepared food or donated money, set up, served, and cleaned up!



New floor in the Fellowship Hall

Why is there a flooring picture on the Mission Opportunities page? The remaining food from the Meyers lunch was shared with the workers laying the flooring. How often do you imagine they show up for work, and then get to enjoy an unexpected (delicious!) lunch? Thank you, food team, for always seeking to serve others!

Spotlight
on:



Volunteers Needed!

~ Contact Emily Nielsen ~

Stephens Spring Fling 2023

Join us on Friday, April 14, 2023 from 6-8pm at Olive Stephens Elementary for some good old-fashioned fun! We'll have bounces houses, obstacle course, carnival games, food, vendors, balloon artist, face painting and an auction! Buy your tickets now to get in on the fun!



A little church doing big things through God!

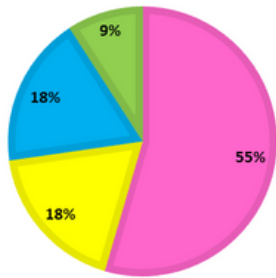
In Common

com·mon (kŏm'ən), adj.

- a. shared equally by two or more; joint; common interests.
- b. relating to the community as a whole.

EASTER DINNER FAVORITES

■ Ham ■ Turkey ■ Roast ■ Other



Hierological Considerations

1. After arriving at Golgotha and before being crucified Jesus was offered a wine and gall mix to drink. Why did He refuse it?

- ☐ He was not thirsty
- ☐ He thought it was poisonous
- ☐ He was fasting

2. Why does the Bible sometimes use the actual words Jesus spoke rather than translating all of them?

- ☐ There is not a comparable phrase
- ☐ Scholars disagree about the words
- ☐ There are not comparable letters across languages

3. Upon Jesus' death, the Centurian proclaimed that Jesus is God. What led him to that realization?

- ☐ God opened his eyes
- ☐ He saw Jesus' miracles
- ☐ He was overcome by watching Jesus' death

A NEW GOAL

Remembering the importance of maintaining our relationships with each other and building our church family, this poll is dedicated to learning about one another.

Because we are a small and loving church, many would attest we know one another fairly well. We serve together, pray together, eat together, laugh together, and sometimes we cry together.

Secular Similarities

Thank you to all who responded to the March poll. The most common favorite Easter dinner is ham, with 55% of the votes. Votes for "other" include lamb and stuffed cabbages.

Lamb is the more traditional meat offering at Easter stemming from the sacrificial lamb within Abrahamic religions. In the early years of Christianity, Christians continued many Jewish traditions, including the Passover lamb. Ham became popular in the U.S. perhaps as late as the final quarter of the 19th century. Pigs were typically butchered in the fall and needed to stay safe-to-eat through harsh, cold winters; consequently, our ancestors would smoke and cure them. In late spring before the first new foods sprouted or livestock were born, a ham from the larder could be served. Ham also emerged as the more affordable and accessible choice for Americans. The average ham in 1950 cost 62 cents per pound, compared to 74 cents for lamb, 74 cents for a beef rib roast, and 94 cents for beef steak.*

This month's poll: What is your favorite flower?

Please respond to Janice Hauge before or after church, or e-mail (janajen@aol.com) or text (940-595-8774) by April 30.

*Source: Retail Prices of Food, Retail Prices of Food, 1950 : Bulletin of the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, No. 1055 | FRASER | St. Louis Fed (stlouisfed.org)

4. Which Gospel does not mention Mary Magdalene specifically being among the first to see Jesus after His resurrection?

- ☐ Matthew
- ☐ Mark
- ☐ Luke
- ☐ John

SSBC Scrapbook



Supper Club's first gatherings!

~ Thank you Eddie Barrett for launching this initiative ~

Note: please contact Eddie if you would like to join the fun!



Great minds think alike: approximately 20 of our church family arrived at the same restaurant on the same date to enjoy lunch with our pairings and the church youth!

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Odds & Ends



Ongoing Events

Mission Meeting: 2nd Saturday. 10:00 am.
Shady Ladies & Men's Breakfast: 1st Saturday. 10:00 am.
Prayer group: Tuesdays. 10:00 am.
Sunday School: Sundays. 9:30 am.
Choir: Sundays. 2:30 pm.

Prayer Requests

Please send requests to Ed Barrett for church-wide distribution. Call or text 972-741-1002, or place prayer request in the offering plate.

Hierological Considerations - answers

1. The English word "gall" comes from the Greek word *chole*, which means poison. A mixture of wine and gall was commonly given to criminals before their execution to ease some of their suffering. Poisons are bitter while acids are sour. Christ likely refused the drink as its bitter taste meant it was more poison than painkiller. Jesus did not want to die from poisoning or have His senses numbed. He later took sour wine, which was acceptable for His thirst because though it had a sour taste He knew that it was not poisonous.

2. Mark writes: "He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum!" which means "Little girl, I say to you, get up!", and "At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" The Aramaic phrase "Talitha kuom" has connotations lost in translation to Greek. Scholars suggest the phrase might be translated into English as "Lambkin arise." The inability to convey the gentleness of Christ's words into Greek may have led Mark to leave words in Aramaic for those who understood Aramaic, while providing translation in Greek for others. Similarly, the Aramaic word Abba is retained along with the Greek word for Father. Mark may have felt that Abba conveyed a particular mix of intimacy and respect that he didn't want to lose.

3. The Centurion was to watch all that took place and see that the sentence was executed. He would have been standing at the cross, seeing the demeanor of the dying Christ, so different from anything he had ever...

One Need One Deed: if you have a need, please let us know. We will do our best to connect you with someone who may be able to help!

Operation Christmas Child

Please remember to bring supplies for OCC boxes! We are collecting sewing supplies and prescription bottles. See Carol Burgess for more information.

SSBC Mission Statement

We seek to be obedient to God's will through bringing the lost in our community and around the world to Christ, through Bible-centered preaching, teaching, Godly servant leadership, and intercessory prayer.

SSBC Vision Statement: REST

Reaching the lost
Enabling the saved
Sending the ready
Telling the world the good news of Christ!

.... witnessed before; he had observed Jesus through the weary hours; he had noticed His meekness and dignity; he had heard the words Jesus uttered as He hung there; and then at last he heard the piercing cry of Jesus just before He yielded up His spirit. The Centurion could come to no other conclusion than that Jesus was indeed God's Son.

4. The Gospel of Luke!